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BATTLESHIP FLEET STARTS ON LAST LAP OF FAMOUS CRUISE

Left Gibraltar Yesterday
at 11 a. m. For Hamp-
ton Roads.

SPECTACLE WAS
MAGNIFICENT ONE

The Alignment of the Battle-
ships Was Perfect, and as
They Pointed Their Noses
Seaward Thousands of
Spectators Cheered, While
the British Battleship
Devonshire Fired a Salute.
Will Be Escorted Home by
the Third Squadron.

By Associated Press.
Gibraltar, Feb. 6.—With the bands
on board playing "Home, Sweet
Home," the fleet of sixteen battle-
ships under Rear Admiral Sperry left
Gibraltar at 11 o'clock this morning
for Hampton Roads on the last lap
of its famous around-the-world cruise
of 42,000 miles. One hour later the ves-
sels were well clear of the land and
steaming westward in double column
formation at a speed of ten knots an
hour. They will follow the southern
route to Hampton Roads, a distance
of 3,600 miles, and about 1,000 miles
off the American coast they will be
met and escorted home by the third
squadron fleet under Rear Admiral
Arnold.

Weather Conditions Perfect.
The weather conditions at the time
of the departure were glorious. The
sky was without a cloud and there
was just enough breeze to curl the
crests of the sunflooded waves. Noth-
ing could have surpassed the beauty
of the marine picture as the Ameri-
can armada weighed anchor from the
shadows of the tower rock of Gibrat-
ar and moved out into the sea. The
difficult operation of getting the six-
teen huge battleships out of the nar-
row basin of the port and under way,
was accomplished with a skill and
precision of maneuvering and detail
which won the admiration of all the
foreign naval men who witnessed the
proceedings critically from land and
sea. Admiral Sperry directed the
whole operation from the aft bridge
of the Connecticut. At half past eight
o'clock the signal to unmoor was given
and the great chains holding the
ships to the bouys were loosened one
by one until the vessels were held to
their anchorage by only a single
strang. At 8:55 a stream of multi-
colored signal flags on the flagship com-
municated the order to get under way
to the Georgia, the Nebraska, the
New Jersey, the Rhode Island and the
Virginia, lying at the rear of the ba-
sin. As the flags came fluttering down
five minutes later the designat-
ed battleships cast off their last lines,
and like freed Leviathans seeking es-
cape, the slowly swung their noses
in the direction of the breaches in the
breakwater.

Twisting and turning to the clang-
ing of engine gongs, they crept out
of the harbor leading the way with
Lieutenant Commander George W.
Kline on the bridge. Once outside
Rear Admiral Wainwright's division
fell into formation and waited for the
second and third groups. The second
group consisted of the Vermont,
proudly flying the "battle efficiency"
trophy on her fore; the Minnesota,
Kentucky, Ohio and Kearsarge, and
the third was composed of the Wis-
consin, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri
and Illinois. The three groups wait-
ed outside and at half past ten the
Connecticut brought up the rear.

Salute Fired.
Although it is not customary to
fire parting salutes, the Devonshire,
the flagship of Rear Admiral Sir
James Goodrich, R. M., admiral su-
perintendent at Gibraltar, which had
taken up a position at the entrance
of the harbor, hoisted and saluted the
American flag as the Connecticut's
band played the English anthem, while
musicians on the foreign warships
played the "Star Spangled Banner" as
the respective ensigns were dipped.
Admiral Goodrich and Admiral Lit-
tlehuff of the Russian navy signalled
"Good bye; pleasant voyage."
Admiral Sperry replied, laconically.

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N. O. Bookmaker Was Sentenced to 7 Months

By Associated Press.
New Orleans, Feb. 6.—Mark Roas-
berg was today declared guilty of vi-
olating the so-called Locke anti-racing
law at Suburban race track, January
22, and sentenced to pay a fine of
\$250 and serve seven months in the
parish prison by Judge Prentice Ed-
dington in the district court of Jef-
ferson parish.
Roasberg, who is better known in
racing circles as "Jack Sheehan" an-
nounced that his attorneys would
take an appeal to the state supreme
court.
Roasberg's arrest was made Janu-
ary 22, the last day of the meet at
Suburban track, which is situated in
McDonoughville, across the river
from New Orleans in the parish of
Jefferson. In spite of the New Or-
leans courts having upheld the Locke
law, which prohibits all forms of race
track gambling, the little Jefferson
parish track started a race meet with
betting January 15. This brought
forth such a storm of protest from the
reform elements of the state that Gov-
ernor Sanders ordered the Jefferson
parish authorities to put an end to all
gambling in that parish, and it was
hinted that if they failed to do so, the
governor would order troops into what
has been popularly known for a long
time as the "free state of Jefferson."

Prest's Veto Message Referred to the House

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 6.—The first busi-
ness of importance to come before
the house of representatives today
was the president's message voting
the census measure. Mr. Crumpacker
moved the reference of the bill and
message to the census committee.
Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts ob-
jected. Inasmuch as the bill could not
be amended there was no reason for
its reference.

Mr. Crumpacker said that the alter-
native was offered of reporting the
bill back either with a recommenda-
tion that it pass, the president's
veto to the contrary notwithstanding,
or with a recommendation that it do
not pass.
An effort by Mr. Parsons of New
York to amend the bill in accordance
with the president's suggestions failed
and without further debate the bill
and message were referred.

No Action on Anti-Jap Bills Before Wednesday

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 6.—No further dis-
cussion is expected in the California
legislature in regard to the Japanese
bills before next Wednesday since the
assembly postponed further considera-
tion of the segregation bill until that
date. Governor Gillett is in this city
and will be here until the first of next
week when he will return to Sacra-
mento. He refused to divulge the
reasons which led Speaker Philip

Stanton of the assembly yesterday to
make his dramatic appeal for delay.
It is considered significant that Sen-
ator Caminetti, who introduced the
school bill in the upper house, should
have referred the measure to the
committee on education. He is him-
self a member of this committee and
it is generally believed no matter
what the fate of the bill may be later,
it will at least receive a favorable re-
port.

HELD PRISONER WHILE A TRAIN BACKED ON HIM

Horrible Experience of Man
Whose Foot Had Caught
in Switch Frog—Ground
to Death.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 6.—Held prisoner and
helpless, Charles Thompson gazed in
agony yesterday on the rear light of a
freight train which was backing down
to grind him to death between the
wheels and the rail.
The train moved slowly, but horror
made the man almost powerless to
struggle in an effort to extricate his
left foot from the switch frog in which
it had caught. At last the train was
upon him. With a frantic effort his
foot was freed, but too late. He was
crushed to death before he could
crawl from the track.

TRAVELED 2,000,000 MILES.
Chicago, Feb. 6.—More than 2,000-
000 miles traveled in 47 years in per-
formance of his duty as a passenger
conductor on the Illinois Central rail-
road is the remarkable record of
William Thayer, who is dead from
heart failure in Hinsdale. This long
period of service was passed on the
run between Chicago and Dubuque,
Iowa, a distance of 180 miles, over
which Mr. Thayer made about 240
trips a year from 1855 to 1900. He
retired eight years ago at the age of
74 years.

WATTERSON RETIRES FROM PUBLIC LIFE.

By Associated Press.
Tampa, Fla., Feb. 6.—A letter
from Henry Watterson, pub-
lished here, says that Mr. Wat-
tersen, on account of double
bereavement of the loss of his
daughter and son, he has can-
celled all engagements of a
public nature and that he will
make no more addresses and
has retired from public life.
The letter was in response to
an invitation to speak at the
Bryan banquet recently held
here.

JAPS DEMAND EQUALITY WITH OTHER NATIONS

Consider Themselves Super-
ior as a Nation to Chinese
and Koreans.

WILL STAND UP
FOR THEIR RIGHTS

Takeo Sagora, Secretary of
Japanese Association of
California, Declares the
Japs Will Demand Rights
Granted by Treaty—War
Department Requests Gov.
Gillett to Organize Sixteen
Companies For Coast De-
fense Reserves.

By Associated Press.
Denver, Colo., Feb. 6.—On an equal-
ity with other foreign nationalities in
the United States, or good and suffi-
cient reason why not, is the demand
of the Japanese in America, accord-
ing to Takeo Sagora, secretary of the
Japanese Association of Colorado.
"We consider ourselves superior as
a race to the Chinese, Koreans and
other Asiatics, and we do not want to
be classed with them, and will de-
mand our rights as granted by the
treaty and under the constitution of
the United States, to be treated on
equal terms with the French, German
or American or any other nation,"
said the secretary. "The Asiatic
scare of the Pacific coast amounts to
little," he continued. He said the
number of Japanese in the United
States is decreasing and will continue
so.

GOV. GILLETTE TO ORGANIZE TROOPS

By Associated Press.
Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 6.—Governor
Gillett has received from the war de-
partment at Washington a request
that he organize sixteen militia com-
panies to be held in reserve for the
coast defense, according to reliable
information obtained today. It is un-
derstood the governor will begin or-
ganization of the companies at once.

PART OF SCHEME FOR COAST DEFENSE

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 6.—Robert Shaw
Oliver, assistant secretary of war, said
today that the war department's re-
quest of Governor Gillett to organize
sixteen militia companies of artillery
is merely a part of a general scheme
for national coast defense.

A PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCE.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—There are two
Jacob H. Marks runnings for the re-
publican nomination for city clerk.
The original Marks is unable to un-
derstand why a rival candidate of the
same name has been put in the field.

THE DELAWARE, FINEST OF ALL BATTLESHIPS, WAS LAUNCHED

Wm. J. Bryan Injured in Tampa and May Cancel Several Engagements

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Tampa, Fla., Feb. 6.—Wm. J. Bryan came near
losing his life this afternoon while returning from
Sutherland College, where he delivered a lecture.
The big machine in which he was riding threw a tire
on a bridge near Tarpon Springs and plunged into
the trestlework, throwing the occupants out.
Mr. Bryan was on the side which struck the
woodwork and was jammed against a rail and suf-
fered considerable injury, his leg being badly bruised.
Mr. Bryan is suffering much pain, and may
have to cancel his engagements in the near future,
one of which is at the Lincoln Centennial.

Scene at Newport News Was
Witnessed by Eight
Thousand Persons.

COST OF VESSEL
NEARLY 4 MILLIONS

Launching Took Place at
10:02 a. m., and Ship Was
Christened With Cham-
pagne by Miss Cahall,
Niece of the Governor of
Delaware—Many Promi-
nent Men, Representing
State of Delaware and the
Navy Were Present.

By Associated Press.
Newport News, Va., Feb. 6.—The
great battleship Delaware was suc-
cessfully launched at the yards here
of the builders, the Newport News
Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company,
today. The scene was witnessed by
eight thousand people. The launching
took place at 10:02 o'clock this morn-
ing.

Among those present were Assist-
ant Secretary of the Navy Saterlee,
Governor Pennewill, of Delaware, and
staff; Lieutenant Governor Mendin
Hall, a delegation from the Delaware
legislature, Rear Admiral Taussig and
other naval officers. The ship was
christened with champagne by Miss
Anne Pennewill Cahall, niece of the
governor. The launching was follow-
ed by an elaborate banquet, the
weather was ideal.

Surpasses Them All.

Compared with the battleship, com-
pleted or under construction, of the
navy of any foreign country, the Dela-
ware surpasses them all. She is one
of four sister ships authorized by con-
gress which will form an indomitable
squadron. The other vessels are the
North Dakota, being built at Quincy,
Mass.; the Florida, which will be built
at the New York navy yard, and the
Utah, to be built at Camden, New
Jersey.

The Delaware is to carry as heavy
armor and as powerful armament as
any known vessel of its class. It will
have a speed of 21 knots, which is
believed to be the highest practicable
for a vessel of this type and class,
and will have the highest practicable
radius of action. The arrangement of
her main battery guns is such as to
permit a broadside fire 25 per cent.
greater than that of the broadside fire
of any battleship now built, or so far
as is known, under construction. Her
defensive qualities, other than those
dependent upon armor protection, are
such as to give the maximum degree
of protection to all the vital portions
by means of unusually effective com-
partmental subdivision, so that in
conjunction with her armor protec-
tion, the defensive qualities of this
vessel are believed to be distinctly
superior to those of any battleship
hitherto designed. The hull is pro-
tected by a water line belt of armor
8 feet in width, whose maximum
thickness is 11 inches. This armor
belt gives effective protection to the
boilers, machinery and magazine
spaces. The side above the main ar-
mor belt is protected by armor 7 feet
3 inches wide and of a maximum
thickness of ten inches. Above the
main casemate armor amidships the
side is protected by armor of 5 inches
in thickness, which affords protection
to the smoke pipes, the major portion
of the secondary batteries of 5-inch
guns, and the hull structure.
Cost \$3,987,000.

The plans for the Delaware were
prepared by the board of construction
in competition with plans submitted
by various naval architects and ship-
building companies and submitted to
a special board under the presidency
of former Assistant Secretary of the
Navy T. H. Newberry and later ap-
proved by congress. The contract for
the Delaware was placed August 6,
1907, at a price of \$3,987,000, to be
built in accordance with the depart-
ment's design for both hull and re-
ciprocating machinery. Her keel was

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QUALTROUGH SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS WAS "DIXIE" FORBIDDEN AS ACT TREASON?

The Battleship Captain Also
Loses Ten Numbers in
Rank For Getting Drunk
at a Reception.

By Associated Press.
Gibraltar, Feb. 6.—Captain Edward
P. Qualtrough, of the battleship Geor-
gia, having been found guilty by court
martial of being intoxicated while on
duty, and of conduct prejudicial to
the good of the navy, has been sus-
pended from duty for six months
with an additional punishment of the
loss of ten numbers in rank. Rear
Admiral Sperry, commander-in-chief
of the Atlantic battleship fleet, which
starts on its homeward voyage today,
has approved the finding of the court
martial, but the secretary of the navy
must take official action on the recom-
mendation for loss of numbers.
Captain Qualtrough has been de-
tached from the fleet and ordered
home. He will go as a passenger on
the Georgia. Lieut. Commander Geo.
W. Kline was placed in command on
the homeward journey.

CHICAGO WOMAN AT MESSINA.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Harold B.
Pinder, who was the only Chicagoan
in Messina, Sicily, when it was de-
stroyed during the recent earthquake,
has arrived here. Some of her relatives
lost their lives in the disaster.
After the earthquake she went to
Palermo and helped take care of the
sick and wounded.



WHEN TAFT COMES HOME FROM PANAMA.
The Ever Present Office-Seeker.

Would Have Pupils Write Essay on B. Washington

By Associated Press.
New Orleans, Feb. 6.—Because one
of the text books submitted for use in
the schools of Louisiana contains a
direction to pupils to write an essay
on Booker Washington, it is declared
that the book will get into the schools
only over the vigorous protest of the
Confederate bodies of this state.
General Lewis Guion, chairman of
the historical committee of the United
Confederate Veterans, is now engaged
in his quadrennial examination to
discover whether there are reflections
on the south or its leaders or any
matter objectionable to southern senti-
ment in books used or offered for
use in the public schools of Louisiana.
He noted the Booker Washington ref-
erence yesterday.
General Guion has no official con-
nection with the educational board to
examine text books but his criticism
has always been welcomed received
and objections by the Confederate or-
ganizations of the state carry much
weight.
General Guion some years ago start-
ed the fight which resulted in the ex-
clusion of the interpolated version of
"The Star Spangled Banner," not only
from the schools of Louisiana but
some of those of the north. Four
years ago he succeeded in knocking
out Mrs. Julia Ward Howe's "Battle
Hymn of the Republic," set to the
music of "John Brown's Body."